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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to express my support for Microsoft in the government's antitrust case. A settlement has been reached and I think that it should be respected. Microsoft has been punished enough in the last three years. This lawsuit has been a waste of time and money. Everyone, the government included, has better things to do than pursue a lawsuit that punishes a company for being successful.

Microsoft may have made some mistakes, but they are ready to change their ways. The settlement is evidence of that. Microsoft is conceding a great deal in order to move on. They are giving away some of their technology information and making it easier for consumers to use non-Microsoft programs within their Windows platform. Please respect the efforts of Microsoft and their supporters. This settlement is fair and is a good ending to this whole mess.

Sincerely,



Sherry Beatty